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The Richmond Enquirer says:--"We do not believe that the African slave trade will ever be opened, either legally or illegally, never succeed." with the Southern States. There is not, so far as we are informed any respectable number of advocates in any of the Southern States to form the nucleus of a party likely to be productive of any action. But there are many other issues involved in the revis ion of the laws now prohibiting the slave trade, which we desire to be made, and which we believe will be accomplished by the discussion of the "Echo" and "Wander er" questions."

The statement that news has been received the "emigrants" on board the schooner Susan, is denied by Gen. Walker's friends in Washington. They, however, have no doubt that such is the fact, and at the same time express the belief that several hundred men will elude the vigilance of the Federal officers within a short period.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: -- "The old soldiers' bill bas passed the House of Representatives by such an overwhelming vote that many suppose it will be impossible for the Senate to resist it. and that it must be left for the Executive veto. Mr. Iverson, stated on Friday in the Senate, that the bill, as it passed, would require an expenditure of eighteen millions."

The Baltimore Exchange says that since "the late "happy" adjustment of the difficulties between the Tammany and Anti-Tammany factions in the city of New York, the settlement of the Tariff becomes the question of next importance to our country's statesmen; for, clearly, it were a most useless and unproductive effort of Executive wisdom and authority to prescribe the principles and provide the "weights and measures" by which the spoils might be divided unless a full supply of spoils were also assured."

A suit has been on trial in the Superior Court at Cincinnati for two or three days, which possesses considerable interest. The Gazette says:-It was brought by Rev. George W. Quinby against Frederick Ecksstein, jr., the plaintiff claiming damages to ers. the amount of \$10,000, alleging that by the negligence of the defendant, or his agent, belladona was put up in a prescription instead tion the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff of \$2,500.

The fires in the picker-rooms of the Tremont, the Naumkeag and the Massachusetts mills within a few days, and which involved the loss of life in the last named mills were caused by stones or gravel packed with the cotton to increase its weight, coming in contact with the revolving steel knives of the beater while the cotton was being worked through the opener, so called. The Lowell Advertiser says that in nearly all the bales of cotton opened there, from 8 to 12 per cent of sand, stones, nails and other substances are found. Single stones weighing 28 pounds have been found in these bales, which sell at | contracts to supply a whaling company, which from 11 to 15 cents a pound to our manufac-

There is a fugitive elave excitement in Nebraska. A Missouri slave holder named Nuckolls recently removed to that Territory with a number of slaves and established himself at Omaha. The slaves suddenly left him, crossing the river and finding refuge in Iowa. The master and some seventy-five other men in Omaha threatened to cross over after them and execute summary vengeance upon the parties who are charged with harboring the fugitives, but at last accounts nothing of a serious nature had happened.

Mrs. Lydia Sayer Hasbrouck, who publishes the Sybil, a "Dress reform" periodical at Middletowo, New York, is discussing the question whether a married woman should relinquish her maiden name. She says that she and her husband agreed to give her name the preference-but she doesn't "care so much as the wave of a straw" whether she is called Sayer or Sayer Hastrouck. "Sayer we consider an individual name," she adde, "Sayer Hasbrouck merely implies that we have entered into partnership with another individual."

The Leesburg Washingtonian says .- "A negro man named Ben belonging to Joel O:burn, of this county, residing near Woodgrove, died suddenly week before last. Suspicions as to the cause of his death were they should surrender their own form of aroused, and after two examinations by a coroner and jury of inquest, Joel Osburn was recognised to appear at the next county court to answer charges preferred against him with reference to the death of said negro."

A Dublin paper states that the Riband Society is now being revived in Ireland on a very extensive scale. The Lord Lieutenant has announced his intention to use all the means in his power for their suppression, and offers a reward of £100 for information leading to the conviction of any one who has administered their oath.

Letters from Portugal give full accounts of the Earthquake there on the 11th of November last. It was very severe in Lisbon pected that fifty thousand persons will be in German town; but when he saw that there and Oporte. Numbers of houses were thrown Arizona within the next twelve months .-down in both places, and many persons killed.

William McNulty has been convicted, at Boston, of the murder of police officer Ezekiel W. Hodson. The verdict being murder Arizons. The prices of Mexican titles to last by throwing bimself out of a window on in the second degree, he was sentenced to land in Sonora have increased, holders be- a quiet and tedious Sunday morning of the imprisonment for life! This was the second trial of the accused.

There was some disorder, and quasi riots among low rowdies, in low places, in Baltimore, on Christmas night. The parties con- point on the American line. cerned were generally arrested and lodged

poleon, Arkanese, last week.

News of the Day. "To show the very age and body of the TIMES."

The Atlantic Telegraph Company have applied to the English government to give them further aid by a guarantee on the new capital. The government, it is thought, will comply, in which case a contract for a new cable will be immediately made.

A petition is in circulation in New York, bearing the signatures of some of the most influential citizens, asking Congress to increase the pay of the officers of our gallant navy to and marine corts.

Ex-President Roberts, of Liberia, writes to gentleman of Philadelphia, indignantly denying the report that that republic gives any He says--"Liberia has never, nor will she

The South Carolina journals express much regret at the defeat, in the Senate of that State on the 20th instant, of a bill which proposed to give further aid to the Blue olinian" says that, so far as the present Legislature is concerned, this great enterprise is consigned to ruin, and with it the immense amount of capital that has been invested in it.

prictors of the manufacturing establishments on the Patapsco, at Ellicott's Mills, Md., of the successful landing in Nicaragua of presented through their managers, to each household, a turkey for Christmas dinner, or its equivalent; and it adds that at Union, Patapsco, Thistle and Alberton, they have the additional comfort that no reduction of wages has yet taken place.

The Buffalo people, as already partially alluded to, have organized a skating club. hired a "lot" of land, caused it to be flooded with water, which it is expected will freeze, built a retiring room for ladies, and bired a man to take care of the ice, keep it clear of snow, &c., at an expense of \$1,000 for their sport this winter.

The Queen of Spain in her speech at the opening of the Cortes, said that everything compatible with the national dignity was being done to secure a pacific solution of the Mexican difficulty, and that, if an immediate result was not obtained, the resolutions already prepared would be energetically resor-

The family of Mr. Thomas Chism, residing in Perry county, Ky., consisting of himself, wife, and three children, have all died within a week, and the family of a Mr. Ham consisting of seven, are also dead. The that of the battle-field. disease producing this terrible bavoc is a sudden swelling and inflammation of the cally attired in a green tunic richly embroid-

An Indian chief, called Okemos, died lately near Lansing, Michigan. He was supposed to be over one hundred years old. He was in the wars of 1792, both for and against Wayne and St. Clair, at different times .--He had a sabre cut clear across his back, made by one of Mad Authory Wayne's troop-

The Barostable Patriot says that Mr. Leonard L. Lombard, of that town, sent to Boston, of dandelion, by which the health of the a few days since, forty barrels of cranberries plaintiff was materially injured and his life raised on his farm during the past season, cavalry. put in jeopardy. After an hour's delibera- | which were sold at \$17 per barrel. The man who can pocket \$680 in one year for cran- there stood a modest looking young man, berries raised by himself is what we call a lucky man.

in Cincinnati, Ohio, disturbed a barrel containing sourkrout which had fermented, and when shaken, exploded with a loud noise. blowing the staves in all directions, but for-

tunately, injuring no person. Jersey to buy all the heavy pork for sale, at they desire to meet promptly.

A western spiritualist says he has been cured of chewing tobacco by his new creed. This is the first good argument we have ever heard, in support of this new ism.

Tem Hyer pronounces the letter, purporting to be signed by him, and offering to fight | was be at his presence; nor was this without fore them wherein to make their choice of Heenan or any one else for \$10,000, to be a

R. D. Addington, sentenced to the Virginia penitentiary from Norfolk city for assaulting and atempting to kill his brother, has been pardoned by Governor Wise.

The dwelling of H. W. Fry, at Richmond, Va., suffered a damage of about \$1,000 by fire,

From Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .-- There is reason to ment by our own, would consent to enter into a treaty by which the United States could

mended. A lately received and reliable letter states as the reason why passports were given to Junot, Duke of Abrantes, stood a little man Chevalier Rayland, the French Charge D'Af- with a countenance strikingly full of genius fairs, was that he had officially informed the and good-humor. His fine set lips never Dominicans of the wishes of Napoleon that opened without attering a sarcasm, and the government and sut mit to that of Hayti.

say that he has no thought at present of re- tensive business, whose wast enormity would signing his position as minister to Mexico.

of January, to certain propositions looking that oftentimes elicited roars of laughter to the settlement of the Central American from his functionaries, even amidst the very question, which were transmitted to Eng- roar of canons. He was personally attach-

land several weeks ago. Letters received by the overland mail from an officer at Fort Buchanan, under date Dec. own. The Emperor missed him sorely dur-5th, say; Bich deposites of gold have been found in the Gila river, through a region ex- tal day of Waterloo, that was destined to tending sixty miles on both sides. Six hun- put a stop to all this transient glory. He dred and fifty men were at work, and five hundred more were on their way from Cal- his staff his vacillation and disloyalty, only ifornia. Should the emigration increase at the little man was too proud to be forgiven. the same rate as it has commenced, it is ex- He was pining away the while in a quiet

mine have been discovered. says he has just received letters from leading thier, Prince of Neufebatel and Wagram, men in Santa Fe, yielding their opposition to Marchal of France, and chief of the general the formation of a territorial government for staff of the French army, grounded arms at lieving that the Americans would soon obtain fatal year 1815, in the quiet and tedious town possession of that country. It is said that of Bamberg in Germany. certain parties have anticipated the action of our government and obtained the right to and dukes, and marshals was waiting upon

Sceretary of War, showing the necessity of rattling of drums. He might have addedand asking for the establishment of military and over nearly one million of human boported, was alive and in good health, at Naand the Indians.

A Distinguished Dinner Party.

[From Chambers's Journal.] chateau, which has accommodated so many a crowned head in bygone centuries.

There was the tall king of Prussia, Fredproud and stately gentleman with rigid manpers and military airs-though not military capacities; then the king of Bavaria, a portly lord with black moustaches, a great admirer of the Hero of the age, to whose giant was called to his last account. countenance whatever to the slave trade. - army he had added 40,000 of his humble ever, countenance any such system as that land again; and the king of Wirtemberg. a he contributed to the army of the modern royal table, according to the strict rules of Alexander. His troops were silent at that court etiquette. time, and did not cry, as usual, 'God save at, since they saw their lord for the last time fields of Russia. There was, moreover, the Elector of Hesse Castel, an important perhangers on of the French emperor. They were, however, set below the salt, which

> ing from the oldest dynastics of Europe, sembled now in the state-rooms of the royal of Russ a! palace, although they had no pedigrees but their swords, no other hereditary land save

There was a tall well-made man, fantastiered with gold; his left band was leaning on the hilt of a Turkish sabre which he had brandished in more than forty battles. He had a look of daring in his dark flashing eyes, well becoming to the man that had gained a crown with his curved sword. His mother could have little thought that her poor ragged boy would one day dine from of the Bois de Boulogne. This was Murat, king of Naples, brother-in-law of the Emperor, and commander-in-chief of the French

Near him, but little apart from the rest, his breast were seen glittering the grand A few days since some workmen removing crosses of all the continental orders; but his ed for the occasion. The assistant master of goods from the basement of a greery store features were sad, and his large dark eyes the ceremonies and the marshal of the cerebore a melancholy expression. It was the monies had nothing to do but to walk up and viceroy of Italy, Eugene Beauharnais, son-in-

law of the Emperor. Who was that robust man with bright eves and noble features, bald and eagle-nosed The Newark (N. J.) Mercury is informed | King of Naples, to whose splendid attire his that the Boston and New Haven pork firms own plain dress bore singular contrast? It by the lard-steward that full honor should be have sent their agents through all lower New | was Michael Ney, then Duke of Elchingen and Marshal of France, three years aftereight cents per pound. These houses have battle field, but as criminal, pierced by a dozen French balls.

And you proud and sulky-looking man, with a lion's head, who scarcely deigned to German prince, but only nodded to his queshis dark and frowning features, so annoyed reason, for the gloomy man was no other than | the various luxuries gathered from all the his fearful antagonist in the dreadful battle | corners of the globe. of Auerstadt, Davoust, Marshal of France,

and Prince of Eckmuhl. There were a dozen mora of these chivalrous champions of the sword looking with contempt upon the petty dukes and princes around them, the satellites of their common sun. The tall and erect figure of Macdonald, Duke of Tarentum, was prominent amongst them all. The proud warrior was leaning negligently against a marble statue of Achilles, and well were they matched, those two iron-hearted men. Only there was a look of weariness to be observed on the open and made it evident that he did not anticipate much pleasure from the eming campaign; indeed, he was longing for a far different establish military posts in Chibushua and engagement, and thought of his beautiful Sonora, thus avoiding the objections to a for- chatgan in the south of la belle France, where cible possession as recently officially recem- he would fain have spent the rest of an event-

By his side in conversation with Marshal more critical the occasion was, the more sparkling became his wit, the source of The most intimate friends of Mr. Foreyth which seemed to be inexhaustible. His exhave crushed any other head, was managed An answer is expected by the latter part by bim amidst a continual shower of sallies ed to the Emperor, whose vast geniue, free from all pedantry, quite agreed with his ing that final campaign of 1815, with its fawould most gladly have forgiven the chief of

was no more occupation whatever for his ar-Specimens of silver, richer than Hentzelman's dent desire of activity, no excitement, no suspense, nobody to laugh at his bons mots, Judge Hart, writing from the Rio Grande, he grew tired of life, and Alexander Ber-

All this brilliant assemblage of kings, construct a railroad from Guaymas to some that pale and dwarfish giant who boasted of having journeyed all over Europe on horse-Lt. Manry has addressed a letter to the back amidst the roar of cannons and the

extraordinary one, full dress was ordered for ded but indifferently in acknowledgement

flattery. It was the king's birthday. Nine years aferick William III., dead now, and buried in terwards on that same day, his illustrious an equality with that of officers of the army his family vault at Sans Souci, but then a guest, for whom the world was once not large his imperial majesty's pleasure, and the fate-seven years later, on that same 5th of master gave at once the necessary orders. May, Frederick Augustus, king of Saxony,

The lord steward showed the guests through subjects, none of whom ever saw his native a long row of state apartments into the and the other officers of the royal household "white saloon," where they were received by now known to be pursued by the French for monstrously corpulent sovereign, who never the master of ceremonies, who by means of procuring free laborers. They may endeavor rode on horseback, but who drove in a gig an infinite number of bows and obeisances, clerks, messengers, yeomen, and the other State Rights Republican party which recentto force it upon us, but I am persuaded will through the ranks of the 50,000 men which assigned to them their different places at the gentlemen of the kitchen below-would be ly assembled in the city of Petersburg," I

Whoever knows anything about court fashthe king!" which is the more to be wondered | ions in Germany must be aware that -with the sole exception, perhaps, of the Chinese on this occasion, every one of them being bu- empire-their practice has nowhere else re-Ridge railroad. The Columbia "South Car- ried eight months afterwards in the snowy ceived so high a development. Indeed, the science of etiquette of which Louis XIV. had laid the solid foundation had been thriving sonage too, although his contingent to the there over since, and may be considered now conquerer's army amounted only to 6,000 to have attained the highest pitch of perfec-The Patapseo Enterprise states that the pro- men; just as much as his father, of glorious tion. But amongst all the thirty-eight courts memory, had sold to the British government of that happy land, there is one that, in this fifty years before, at so much per head, to be respect, has always gained the precedence shot dead in the woods of the new world by over all the rest, that stands unequalled for the American insurgents. Besides these the strictness, the accuracy, the pedantry distinguished guests, there were present a with which even the most minute prescripdizen or more of petty grand-dukes, dukes tions of etiquet o are unrelentingly observed, and princes, all members of that famous and that is declared as the very model of or-Rhenish Confederation, and most of them der and regularity in all the various departments of its household. The slightest infringement of the inexorable laws of etiquette served them right. Well, no; there was one is considered there as a crime whereof no abamongst them who ought not to have been solution can clear the unhappy offender .-set below the salt. He was a stout man with | Charles XII, king of Sweden, had to repent a stout heart, on whose high forehead there afterwards of his disdain for this same etiwas written many a painful thought. He quette, when he called one day-a hundred looked grave, even melancholy. It it had years ago-on Augustus II., Elector of Saxbut depended upon him, those 300,000 Ger- ony, attired in a pair of dirty riding boots, man soldiers who followed the foreign inva- and holding a horsewhip in his hand. He der into the barren plains of Russis, would had just beaten the Saxon army in a series have received a far different destination. It of bloody battles; had dictated to the elector | C. Whittie, was the Grand-duke of Saxe Weimar, Ernest the fatal peace of Altranstadt, and was a Augustus, the most intimate friend of Goethe. little pressed for time. Augustus II. would Grand as these personages were, descend- have forgiven him the smaller offence of having crushed 30,000 of his men to atoms, and surrounded therefore by the nimbus of laid under contribution the whole of his pathereditary power, they were, however, doom- rimonial demains; but for his intrusion in a ed to act but a subordinate role by the side drawing-room with dirty boots and a riding of those adventurous upstarts who formed whip, there was no excuse; and he made haste the more important part of the guests, as- to conclude his alliance with the Czar Peter

When the guests were seated the numerous officers of the royal bousehold took their different stations conformable to their rank and the duties attached to it.

The old feudal custom of waiting on the sovereigns was of course carried out only by the lords-in-waiting, members of the first families in the land, who therefore had their posts of honor immediately behind the chairs file, were drawn up the assistant chamberkings-himself a king-when she used to tance of a whole army of youngs, believe and minor to leave pay.

sell apples and ginger-bread in the avenues equeries, grooms, perfers, waiters and minor to leave pay.

J. J. B. Walbach, dropped, to be a lieutenant court-servants, each of them having his different department assigned to him. The whole attendance was in full gala dress; the the lords-in-waiting wearing all their num rous ribbons and orders; the pages their state habits, and red velvet shoes with silver buckwho took no part in the conversation. On les; and the rest of the officers of the royal household the rich parade uniforms prescrib-

down and see that all was right. The dinner was sure to be the first of the order; and the big king of Wirtemburg had made up his mind to enjoy it hugely. The like Casar, in lively conversation with the royal table in Saxony has always had a most excellent repute, and orders had been given done to the ancient glory of the house of his royal master. The chief cook, master wards shot dead, like the other, not in the cooks, clerks of the kitchen, messengers of the kitchen, veomen of the kitchen, as well as the other gentlemen of the confectionary and pastry, had been in great agitation for some days and were now, like the cranks and answer the obliging address of some little wheels of a large engine, working to the top of their bent. German princes in general tions with a wandering mind-who was he? are known to have no aversion to good cheer; The King of Prussia never once looked at and those present were well pleased at the idea of having a couple of quiet hours be-

Poor men! They little thought that they were doomed to suffer a heavy disappoint ment. But they had in fact been reckening, not without their host, but without that pale man who was just upon the point to invade the largest empire of the world, and who

cared but little about a full dress dinner. When the soup had made its appearance, and the plates-passing from hand to hand, after the Asiatic system of caste in full working order, aided by all the advantages of a superior civilization -- bad at last reached the lords in waiting, who, with the dignity apseeking a recognition of the Juarez govern- martial countenance of the living hero, which propriate to the occasion, placed them respectfully before the monarche, a waiting officer of the imperial general staff entered the room, and walking straight up to the staff of that giant army just then on its way of destruction towards the East, whispered a few hasty words into the ear of Marshal Berthier. The little man, with the fine cut features and expressive eyes, rose immediate-

ly and went out of the room. The incident, slight as it was, did not esto rule; and his patriarchal countenance at once assumed an expression of ill temper,

which he could very ill conceal, The door was opened again a few minutes afterwards, and the Prince of Wagram re entered the apartment. His fine and clever moved towards the Emperor and Isid an open therefore what was coming.

with more than balf a million of horses, was rolling towards the East, followed by an in | manufacturer would, mense train that covered all the high roads

up the paper, while the King of Saxony look. have been found to be only one-fifth that of ed very grave.

powerful forehead was gathering a cloud consumer at the same cost as the foreign dark and menacing. He threw the dispatch manufacturer, why should we not be allowed violently upon the table, and in a sharp and to do so? Why should we sometimes make other responsible Companies. piercing voice, accompanied by an impera- roads and grade the beds with iron ore, some tive gesture, cried, "Le dessert!" If the great ancestor of the old house of

walked in amidst that modern assembly, in- which so directly affects all other branches of differently attired in a bear'eskin, and armed trade? Arguments and facts, however, do and Carriage Hubbs, best Bright Springs, with a battle-axe, his appearance could not seem to have any effect upon those who Swede Iron, and Thimble Skeins, and Pip. scargely bare created a greater perplexity bave faith in Free Trade.-N. Y. Courier. among them than that one word uttered by the modern Alexander. With the exception of the Frenchmen, every soul remained for some moments completely thunder-struck .-

of Saxony, the host of these eminent guests, was expecting the walls and ceilings of his there was not one head that did not bow in old palace to tumble down with a crash, and

The Emperor raised his head and looked the whole train of the royal househeld; in- to the low reverences rendered to him by around for a moment at these descendants of blage of distinguished guests had never be- no smile of triumph round those grim set was lingering within him of the Jacobinty toss of the head, and in a savage tone of

voice, he repeated once more, "Le dessert!" There were no more misgivings now about port of the democracy of this Commonwealth. enough, gave up the ghost in a small rocky master of the ceremonies being unfit for serisland in the Atlantic ocean, and-strange vice, (he had fainted away,) the assistant To describe the perfect Babel and panto-

mimic madness amongst the lords-in-waiting, the assistant chamberlains, the pages, -- fully equalled by the Babel and pantomitoo high a task for any pen or pencil.

upon the table, and when the Emperor had I feel that I have not the right to decline this partaken of these modest refreshments, the nomination, and I accept it with feelings of king of Saxony rose, and the illustrious gratitude to my party for this manifestation guests retired from dinner!

Restorations in the Naval Service.

signed to each officer: CAPTAINS TRANSFERRED .- Philip F. Vorhees, on furlough pay, to leave pay; Thomas Paine, on furlough pay, to the active list, to take rank next after Capt. Thomas Crabbe; William Ramsay, dropped, to the active list, to take rank next after Captain French Forrest; William Inman, on leave pay, to the active list, to take rank next after Capt. Josiah Tatnall.

COMMANDERS PROMOTED OR TRANSFERRED .-Samuel W. Lecompte, on furlough pay, to leave pay; William M. Armstrong, on leave pay, to pe captain, on active list, to take rank next after Capt. J. R. Jarvis; Andrew K. Long, on furough pay, to be a captain, on the active list, to take rank next after Capt. Henry Eagle; Zach. F. Johnston, dropped, to be a captain, on the active list to take rank next after Capt. Geo. S. Blake; T. Darrah Shaw, on leave pay, to active list, to take rank next after Commander W.

LIEUTENANTS PROMOTED OR TRANSFERRED .-William D. Porter, on furlough pay, to leave pay, to be a commander on the active list, to ake rank next after Commander H. K. Thatcher; G. G. Williamson, on turlough pay, to be a commander, on the active list, to take rank next after Commander F. Chatard; J. C. Carter, on furlough pay, to be a commander, on the active iss; S. B. Bissell, on leave pay, to be a commander, on the active list, to take rank next after Commander J. P. Gillis; J. J. Glasson, on leave pay, to be a commander on the active list. to take rank next after Commander S. Swart-

A. H. Kilty, on furlough pay, to be a comnander, on the active list, to take rank next after Commander C. S. Boggs; William Chandler, on leave pay, to be a commander on the active list, o take rank next after Commander A. H. Kilty of the royal guests; behind them, in the second | Richard W. Meade, on furlough pay, to be a commander, on the active list, to take rank next lains who had to help the lords in-waiting; after Commander J. R. Tucker; Alexander Gibthese were again waited upon by the pages | son, on turlough pay, to be a commander, on the golden dishes by the side of emperors and of honor, who, in their turn, enjoyed the assis- active list, to take rank next after Commander kings-himself a king-when she used to tance of a whole army of yeomen, heyducs, E. M. Yard; Henry C. Flagg, on furlough pay

on the active list, to take rank next after Lieut, W. H. Bail. Thomas Brownell on juriough pay. to leave pay; James A. Doyle, on furlough pay. R. M. Mullany: M. C. Martin, on leave pay, James A. Doyle, S. Chase Barney, dropped, to Green. be a lieutenant on the reserved list, on leave pay, to take rank next after Lieut, M. B.

R B. Riell, on furlough pay, to active list, to take rank next after Lieut. T. B. Huger; M. C. Perry, on furlough pay, to active list, to take rank next after Lieut. R. B. Riell; Henry Rolanlo, on furlough pay, to active list, to take rank next after Lieut. Daniel Ammen; F. A. Parker, on furlough pay, to active list, to take rank next after Lieut, J. M. Wainwright; J. F. Abbott, on furlough pay, to leave pay, W. B. Firzgerald, on furlough pay, to active list, to take rank next after Lieut, C. M. Fauntleroy.

A. C. Rihnd, dropped, to be a lieutenant the active list, to take rank next after Lieut. A Read; R. M. McArann, on forlough pay, to ac ive list, to take rank next after Lieut. W. Nelon: James M. Watson, H. N. Harrison and Chas-Hunter, on furlough pay, to leave pay,

PASSED MIDSHIPMEN PROMOTED -J. P. Hall, ropped, to be a lieutenant on the active list, to ake rank next after Lieut. J. W. Bennett, A. T.

American Iron.

A party believes it better to produce iron abroad, and thus incur a large foreign debt. than to develop our own resources. Between 1852 and 1857, we imported no less than two million sixty thousand and twenty seven tons of iron, and for the greater part of it we are still in debt. This has been done because the free-traders say that the foreign iron is the cheapest. Now it is manifest that it has been the policy of English iron-manufacturers to do what they could to secure for their products a market in this country. But a few years since some of these finding that the manufacture of iron here had somewhat in-Prince of Wagram, the chief of the general creased, and that the demand for English iron had fallen off, concluded that it would be sound policy for them to reduce the price of the latter, in order to regain their former position. An English paper alluding to this matter, said that if the price of iron could thus be reduced for some considerable period, it would ruin many of our manufacturers, cape the notice of the King of Saxony, who and would for a time open the way for a large locked upon it as being extremely contrary demand for English iron. Again, the same paper said, a general reduction in England is absolutely necessary to prevent the undesirable extension of the iron manufacture in the United States. This is enough to convince any fair minded person of the folly of supposing that a foreign iron market is face wore its usual expression; but when he cheaper than a domestic one; for no sooner is usual the domestic market closed than the prices dispatch before him on the table, there was in the foreign one are raised to any point to something like mischievous fun twinkling in which the foreign manufacturer may deem his bright eyes; he knew his man, and knew his interests demand. Railroad Companies just formed undoubtedly would favor pur-What the dispatch contained nobody ever | chasing it in a foreign market, for the simple knew. Something important, of course, at a reason that the foreign manufacturer is willtime when an avalanche of 950,000 men, ing to take their bonds, and does not use the same cautiousness la selling that a domestic

Experience has proved that American rails are better made and wear longer than Eng-The Emperor laid down his spoon and took lish ones. The wear and tear on the former the latter article. If this be the case, if we He had done reading at a glance! On his can make better iron and furnish it to the of which contains sixty per cent, of pure metal, and then send to England for the rails? Webbin had risen from the dead, and had Why should we neglect to protect an interest

DOSEY'S WHITE MERCER POTATOES just received, in store, and for sale by JOHN A. DIXON. dec 24 WOOL purchased by

DANIEL P. HOOE.

Correspondence. DECEMBER 9th, 1858.

On the 5th of May, 1812, a great gala dinner was announced at the royal court at Dresden, in Saxony. The occasion being an and as inflexible as fate itself. He nedly assembled in the city of Petersburg, you were nominated as their candidate for the ofdeed, a more numerous and eminent assem- his vassals; no flashing up of that fixed eye, the oldest dynasties of Europe. All that fice of Lieutenant Governor of Virginia .--While performing the duty assigned us by fore been invited to unite in the pompous lips; all indifference, or even satiety in that and there was a good deal-became distinct- the Convention of apprising you of this nomrooms of that distinguished and antique crazy calm and profound countenance. He was ly apparent in the proud flash of his eyes, and ination, we beg leave to convey to you the already too much accustomed to homage and the scornful curl of his lips. With a haugh- expression of our high personal respect, and our well assured belief that your election will be sustained by the cordial and united sup-

Very respectfully, arbour, Nat. Tyler, . Paxton, A. G. Pendleton, Jas. Barbour, Jas. G. Paxton, Jonn Brannon.

INGLEWOOD, MIDDLESEX Co., VA., December 20, 1858. Gentlemen:-- I have just received your communication of the 9th inst, informing me mic madness amongst the master-cooks, that, "at the Convention of the Democratic was "nominated as their candidate for the They put bread and cheese and some fruits office of Lieutenant Governor of Virginia."--

of their confidence in me. If it should be the pleasure of the people The following is a correct list, from an of- tion, all the pledge I have to make is, that any one, but having their ferrity eyes conficial source, of the naval nominations recent- I will honestly strive to discharge whatever ly acted upon by the Senate, together with duties the position may impose, as becomes a the position in the service which has been as Virginian who loves his mother State with

the heartfelt devotion of a loyal son. I will state, however to avoid all misapthe most important of all questions of State policy-internal improvements--my position was fairly and correctly defined in the Petersburg Convention by my esteemed friend, Col. R. A. Claybrook, of Northumberland .--I presume his exposition of my views, was not have received the nomination.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the prompt and appropriate manner you have communicated to me the will of the Convention, and reciprocating most cordially your expressions personal respect,

I am, most respectfully, yours, Ro. L. MONTAGUE. To Messrs, James Barbour, James G. Paxton, Nat. Tyler, A. G. Pendleton, and John

Difficulty on the River.

Capt. James Jenkins having cut the moorings of a vessel at our wharf--in his charge -which had been levied on under the impression that the right of ownership inhered in the said Jenkins, and sailing it under his ist, to take rank after Commander G. A. Pren- command, had proceeded as far as Port Royal, was there overhauled by two officers in pursuit, Messrs. Taylor and Timberlake.

These officers arrived in the Steamboat at Port Royal, the vessel under command of Capt. J. being anchored out in the river .-Having hired a small boat the officers approached Capt. J's. vessel, when they were ordered off, Capt. J. appearing with a gun and threatening to shoot any one who should come on the deck of his vessel. Officer Taylor sprang from the small boat to the deck Capt. J's. vessel, seizing the barrel of the gun and pushing it down from his breast .-Whilst being lowered it was fired, whether accidental or otherwise, we know not. The load passed between the legs of officer Taylor, scorehing his clothes, but he escaping we believe without even a flesh-wound,

Capt. Jenkins was brought to Fredericksburg and taken before the Mayor for carrying off the vessel, and held to bail to answer becounty, the trial will take place at Bowling

It is but just to Capt. J. to say that the vessel is registered in another's name, and that he denies all right of ownership and maintains he was violating no law in carrying her off .-- Fred Herald.

Front Royal, Va.

the prices of real estate and town property ousy, he boasts vainly of the prete ded good all over the country, and even in the young he has done, without once hinting at the long and vigorous West, in many places reducing list of treacherous acts which repudiate his it to one half its former value, is just cause claim, and brand his declaration with the Byrens, dropped, to be a lieutenant on the active of congratulation to the citizens and property list, to take rank next after Lieut. W. K. Mayo; bolders of Front Royal. The fact is, proper-Wm. R. Mercer, dropped, to be a lieutenant on ty and rents are as high here as ever; every the active list, to take rank next after Lieut. E. | house and shop is occupied, and more houses are wanted both by purchasers and renters. There are causes for all this. There is a defacilities afforded by the Railroad, and there added to the obvious contempt of all whose is quite as strong a desire upon the part of good opinions are desirable, only serves to religious tone of the people, and the facilities | well-deserved retribution that racks his life, for Christian worship and for education .-- be dies detested, and his very grave is look

Front Royal Gazette. to close out our large stock, we are now offering many goods at a great reduction on this sea-

son's prices. We call attention to a beautiful assortment of 25c Mouslins, now selling at 20c. Twenty cent Monslins at 14c. Twelve and a half cent Calico at 10c. Superior French Mouslins at cost. French Merinoes at 75c. Cassinets, Fiannels, Shawls, Irish Linens,

losiery, Gloves, Undershirts, Hoop Skirts, with very thing new and desirable in our line. No. 170 King street TOTICE -- We respectfully announce to all persons having open accounts on our oks, without discrimination, that their bills are made off and are ready for delivery. Those

who prefer not to have their hills sent to them will find them by calling at our desk up to the 23d, after this date they will be distributed as It is hoped that our customers will favor us with a general and speedy liquidation of the seen and examined.

CLAGETT & DODSON.

Der, at Dicture vernon, be seen and examined.

JOHN

Washington, dec 20-dtJan1 ERVANTS FOR HIRE.—The subscriber will hire out, on Friday, the 31st instant, for the ensuing year, a number of LIKELY

NEGROES, men, women, girls and boys. En-

quire at his residence, Oakville, between Washington and Alexandria, on which day the Servants may be seen. THOMAS W. SWANN. dec 23-eo3t&dft* EMOVAL -The office of the ALBEMARLE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Charlottesville, Virginia, and of the GIRARD FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, of Philadelphia, has been removed to Nos. 57 and 59, King street. Risks taken, and Policies issued, upon as fair terms as those of JAMES S. ROGERS, Agent. der 20-eo4w Nos. 57 and 59, King-st.

THE FOLLOWING goods are now for sale at lowest prices, having been purchased from the manufacturers for cash, viz: Wagon Boxes; also, just received a full assortment of

GEO. T. BALDWIN. TATAPSCO FAMILY AND EXTRA FLOUR, in barrels and bags, just received, for sale by JOHN A. DIXON, and for sale by Family Gracer.

Fairbank's Counter and Platform Scales.

COMMUNICATED. The Meddler -- Br J. B. Johnson

A prurient curiosity concerning the affairs of others is so characteristic of some persons, that we are lead to believe it is intrinsically a part of their nature, and that to resist the temptation to interfere officiously with the peculiar business of their neighbors, is the most difficult task of their lives. Why it is so we cannot tell, but certainly there are some individuals so passionately intent upon knowing the private concerns of their acquaintances, that they apparently could not, to save their own fortunes from destruction, stay their extreme longing for an opportunity to offer their gratuitous advice and unasked aid. It is, indeed, a matter of wonder to think how far such persons will go to appease their curiosity, and gratify the morbid craving of a diseased habit which can beget nothing but trouble to its possessor, and dissension to those who are brought within the sphere of its influence.

These plagues of society are not few, and one or two of them busily engaged in the dissemination of the malicious tales originating in the peccant investigation of their neighbore' movements, do more harm, in the course of their lives, than a visit of epidemic of the State to ratify this act of the Conven- Cholera. True, they do not directly kill stantly employed in scrutinizing the demeanor of others, and their asp-like tongues actively engaged in heralding the really innocent acts of virtue, they despoil many a bright prospect, and sully many a fair name. prehension, that upon the question which is It is thus, too frequently, that business in tercourse is severed, and the earliest ties of friendship are broken, to give place to a rancorous discord, which torments the heart and fills the mind with a disappointment whose very memory, ever afterwards, frets the soul with many regretful thoughts. I satisfactory to the Convention, or I should have seen injured Innocence made to weep, and known a whole community to be driven to consternation by the feuds produced by wanton officiousness; for when slanderous tales are started on the public tongue they do not lose a sentence, but increase rapidly, and are rashly detailed as a severe verdict from which a wronged name has no appeal but the consciousness of the rectitude of its No habit renders an individual more des-

picable, or causes him to receive less sympathy when misfortune befulls him, than that of intermeddling with the business of others; for when the character of such a person becomes fully known, we find that he is as much shunned as the most dreadful disease. Charity may sometimes throw her gracious mantle over his defects, and endeavor to hush the complainings of contempt; but even she, after awbile, shrinks defiled from his touch, and is forced to regard his tongue as more dangerous than the viper's sting; for while with seeming sincerity he assumes to have the welfare of his acquaintances at heart, he never fails to lend an eager ear to every idle report concerning them, and with mock pity in his tone, to magnify the slightest misdemeanor into a heinous crime. Hiding the disgusting pro portions of his designs by the varied garb of deception, he gains temporary confidence. and with the insidious show of partial concern becomes familiar with his neighbors'

transactions, and grows exceedingly impa tient until he has relieved his taxed habit of its burden by making them known to every member of the circle of his acquaintance .--If any one should have business with him, the world is sure to know it; for, to illusto the active list, to take rank next after Lieut. fore the Court in the sum of \$400. As the trate his own superiority, he makes the most shooting occurred in the bounds of Caroline minute detail, and proclaims with what sagacity and prudence he conducted in the transaction. Combining the traits of the slanderer with those of the sneak, he is as unreliable in one situation of life, as he is treacherous in another, and is always the same perfidious being, acting the most wily eycophant in courting the favor of those who are in prosperity, and when brought in contact with those whom adversity has humbled, The recent sales of property in Front Royal | showing himself the most unfeeling oppresjustify the belief that vitality has by no means | sor: being ever the first to vend some injurideparted from this place. The sale of the ous report to reflect discredit upon those Bowling house and lot by the owners, Messrs. | honest efforts which the unfortunate may Cloud & Jones, at \$2,200, on short time, equiv- make to restore their former position. Con alent almost to cash, and of the Bowen lot for strained to maintain his place by duplicity, \$1,300, clearly indicates that property fully | he descends to petty means to gain the good maintains the standard of prices at any pre- opinion of one man and to restrain the exvious time obtained. This fact in view of pression of the athorrence of another; and the extraordinary money crisis that is upon goaded by the embarrassment in which his u, carrying down in its paralyzing course vice involves him, and stimulated by jeal-

> leprous seal of falsehood. While so assidnously engaged in criticising and arranging the affairs of others, the Meddler must necessarily neglect his own business, or what should be his employment; and soon finds himself entangled in pecusire to locate here because of the business | piary difficulties and social depravity, which se possessed of the means to remove here | render him more madly envious; and lashwith their families, because of the moral and | ing himself with the consciousness of the ed upon with contemptuous regret, that such a being should have lived, and shed nought REAT BARGAINS .- ASHBY & WOOD but a baleful influence on all that he ap I are now offering great bargains. Desiring proached; for surely we know of no position which is fraught with more unpleasantness or marked by more unprofitable labor, than that of the man who thus proves himself a traitor to all the noble impulses and charac-

teristics of his race. Alexandria, December 27, 1858.

OFFICE EXCHANGE BANK OF VIRGINIA. ALEXANDRIA, December 21, 1858. THIS Bank will be closed on Saturday, the 25th instant-also on Saturday, the 1st January next. All notes due on those days, are expected to be paid on the 24th and 31st insts. Only one offering day for each week, viz 21st, and 28th instants. JOHN HOOFF, Cashier.

dec 21-dit&T&F TEGROES FOR HIRE.-FIVE WOMEN and GIRLS, and TWO BOYS. Among women are Cooks and House Servants .-Apply, personally, to the undersigned on Monday and Tuesday, the 27th and 28th of Decem ber, at Mount Vernon, where the negroes can

JOHN A. WASHINGTON Mount Vernon, dec 21-d1w

OR SALE -The tract of land, known as "THE MUSH POT," belonging to A. W McDonald, e.q., containing 334 ACRES, on the old Leesburg Road, adjoining the Corporation of Alexandria.

If not sold before the first day of January next, it will be rented for the ensuing year. rented, security will be required.

JOHN MARSHALL. dec 2-dtJan1 TASTER MILL FOR SALE .- Wishing to remove from this city, I offer for sale my interest in the STEAM PLASTER MILL in Alexandria, now carried on by Wise & Green The Mill is in good order and its fixtures complete. For further particulars, apply to or address CHARLES J. WISE.

Alexandria, Va. NOR COLDS AND COUGHS -Guin's Pic torial, Ayer's Pectoral, Wistar's Balsam, Davie's Cherry and Tar, Tyler's Syrup, Bull's Syrup, Gum Arabic, Cough Drops: Wistar's Lo-zenges, Baker's Cough Mixture, and Madam Mount's Syrup, received and for sale by PEEL, STEVENS & CO.

corner King and Alfred sts. BBLS. BARCLAY & PERKINS' London 5 BBLS. BARCLAY & PERKINS' London Brown Stout, and 5 barrels Sparkling Edite burgh Ale, just received, and for sale by

MARSHALL & WARD